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June 13, 2017

The Honorable Dan Patrick Lieutenant Governor of Texas Capitol Station PO Box 12068

Austin, Texas 78711

Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution

Senate Bill (SB) 2295, as Filed by Senator Judith Zaffirini - Relating to the temporary board of and financing of certain facilities and improvements by the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 1; providing authority to impose an assessment.

Dear Governor Patrick:

The following comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

This bill makes several changes to Chapter 8472, Special District Local Laws Code, regarding LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 1; the bill removes the requirement for the TCEQ to appoint the five initial temporary directors upon receipt of a petition from the owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the District. The bill appoints five members to the temporary board; the bill specifies that the board may finance the construction or maintenance of a recreational facility or improvement with assessments on property under this subchapter only if: a written petition requesting that facility or improvement has been filed with the board; and the board holds a hearing on the proposed assessments. The bill further states that the petition must be signed by the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in the District subject to assessment according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll for the county; the bill specifies that an improvement or recreational facility project may include the planning, design, construction, improvement, and maintenance of: landscaping; marinas and bridges; lighting, banners, and signs; hiking and cycling paths or trails; sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, skywalks, crosswalks, or tunnels; ponds, lakes, recreational facilities, or scenic areas; plazas or pedestrian malls; drainage or navigation improvements; or solid waste, water, sewer, or power facilities, including electrical and gas power facilities; the bill specifies that the District may not impose an assessment on the property of: an electric utility or a power

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generation company; a gas utility; a telecommunications provider; or a person who provides to the public cable television or advanced telecommunications services; and, House Bill 4310 by Rep. Isaac is the companion to the proposed bill.

Sincerely,

Cari-Michel LaCaille, Director

Water Supply Division

cc: Honorable Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chairman, Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee Senator Judith Zaffirini, Texas Senate

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TEXAS SENATE STATE OF TEXAS

SB 2295

Bill Number

TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas

A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

SUBJECT:

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

5/15/2017

Date transmitted to

Governor's Office

Secretary of the Senate

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to forward to you a copy of a bill relating to conservation and reclamation district and a copy of the notice of intention to introduce the bill.

May 18, 2017

Date transmitted to Governor

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

TO: The Honorable President of the Senate

The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Governor of Texas

SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 2295

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT		
2	relating to the temporary board of and financing of certain		
3	facilities and improvements by the LaSalle Municipal Utility		
4	District No. 1; providing authority to impose an assessment.		
5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:		
6	SECTION 1. Sections 8472.052(a) and (b), Special District		
7	Local Laws Code, are amended to read as follows:		
8	(a). The temporary board consists of:		
9	(1) Chuck Kaufman;		
10	(2) Eric Willis;		
11	(3) Chris Gee;		
12	(4) Kristi LaRue; and		
13	(5) Doug Goss [On or after the effective date of the		
14	Act enacting this chapter, the owner or owners of a majority of the		
15	assessed value of the real property in the district may submit a		
16	petition to the commission requesting that the commission appoint		
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18	commission shall appoint as temporary directors the five persons		
19	named in the petition].		
20	(b) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:		
21	(1) the date permanent directors are elected under		
22	Section 8472.003; or		
23	(2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of		
24	their designation [the Act enacting this chapter].		

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SECTION 2. Chapter 8472, Special District Local Laws Code,
 2 is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:
         SUBCHAPTER F. ASSESSMENTS; APPLICABILITY OF ASSESSMENTS
          Sec. 8472.251. PETITION REQUIRED FOR
                                                         FINANCING
 5 IMPROVEMENTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a)
 6 Except as provided by this subchapter, the board may finance the
 7 construction or maintenance of a recreational facility or
 8 improvement with assessments on property under this subchapter only
 9
   <u>if:</u>
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               (1) a written petition requesting that facility or
11 improvement has been filed with the board; and
               (2) the board holds a hearing on the proposed
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13 <u>assessments.</u>
          (b) The petition must be signed by the owners of a majority
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15 of the assessed value of real property in the district subject to
   assessment according to the most recent certified tax appraisal
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   roll for the county.
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         Sec. 8472.252. MISCELLANEOUS DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND
19 MAINTENANCE. An improvement or recreational facility project may
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   include the planning, design, construction, improvement, and
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   maintenance of:
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              (1) landscaping;
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              (2) marinas and bridges;
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              (3) lighting, banners, and signs;
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              (4) hiking and cycling paths or trails;
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27 crosswalks, or tunnels;

(5) sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, skywalks,

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               (6) ponds, lakes, recreational facilities, or scenic
 2 <u>areas;</u>
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               (7) plazas or pedestrian malls;
               (8) drainage or navigation improvements; or
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               (9) solid waste, water, sewer, or power facilities,
   including electrical and gas power facilities.
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          Sec. 8472.253. METHOD OF NOTICE FOR HEARING. The district
 8 shall mail notice of the hearing to each property owner in the
 9 district who will be subject to the assessment at the current
10 address to be assessed as reflected on the tax rolls. The district
11
   may mail the notice by certified or first class United States mail.
12 The board shall determine the method of notice.
          Sec. 8472.254. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a) An
   assessment or a reassessment imposed under this subchapter by the
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   district, penalties and interest on an assessment or reassessment,
16 an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred
17 by the district:
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               (1) are a first and prior lien against the property
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   assessed;
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               (2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than
   a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem
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   taxes; and
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              (3) are the personal liability of and a charge against
24 the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the
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   assessment proceedings.
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         (b) The lien is effective from the date of the board's
27 resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is
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- 1 paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that the
- 2 board may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.
- 3 (c) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the
- 4 assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of
- 5 any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in
- 6 the manner required for additional assessments.
- 7 Sec. 8472.255. UTILITY PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM ASSESSMENTS.
- 8 The district may not impose an assessment on the property,
- 9 including the equipment, rights-of-way, facilities, or
- 10 <u>improvements</u>, of:
- 11 (1) an electric utility or a power generation company
- 12 as defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code;
- (2) a gas utility as defined by Section 101.003 or
- 14 <u>121.001</u>, <u>Utilities Code</u>;
- 15 (3) a telecommunications provider as defined by
- 16 Section 51.002, Utilities Code; or
- 17 (4) a person who provides to the public cable
- 18 television or advanced telecommunications services.
- 19 SECTION 3. (a) All governmental and proprietary actions of
- 20 the LaSalle Municipal Utility District No. 1 taken before the
- 21 effective date of this Act, including the creation of the district,
- 22 the consent to create the district granted by the City of San
- 23 Marcos, the consent agreement relating to the district and any
- amendments to that agreement, and any extension of time in which to hold a confirmation election for the district, are validated,
- 26 ratified, and confirmed in all respects.
- 27 (b) This section does not apply to any matter that on the

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- 1 effective date of this Act:
- 2 (1) is involved in litigation if the litigation
- 3 ultimately results in the matter being held invalid by a final court
- 4 judgment; or
- 5 (2) has been held invalid by a final court judgment.
- 6 SECTION 4. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
- 7 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
- 8 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
- 9 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
- 10 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
- 11 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
- 12 Government Code.
- 13 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
- 14 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
- 15 Environmental Quality.
- 16 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
- 17 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
- 18 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
- 19 representatives within the required time.
- 20 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
- 21 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
- 22 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
- 23 and accomplished.
- SECTION 5. For purposes of Section 8472.052(b)(2), Special
- 25 District Local Laws Code, as amended by this Act, the effective date
- 26 of the temporary directors' designation is the effective date of
- 27 this Act.

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1 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

5 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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he 24th day of February, 2017

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PUBLIC NOTICE

By order of the Hays County Commissioners Court, notice is hereby given that on Tuckday, Econoury 26 2017 at 3 a.m. in the Hays County Countherse 101 5 San Antonic Street, the Hays County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing to consider

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LaSaile Holdings, Ltd C/O Mr. Mike Schroeder 110 San Antonio Street #1907 Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Draft Legislation related to LaSalle MCDs Nos. 1-5

Dear Mr. Schroeden

As you are aware, we are scoking legislation related to amending LaSalle Murceipal Utility Districts Nos. 1-5. These Districts, of course, are on property that LaSalle Holdings Ltd. owns. The draft legislation, among other matters, reconfigures LaSalle MUD Nos. 2-5 and also amends financing powers by allowing the Districts to assess property within the Districts to purchase, construct and maintain, among other matters, recreational facilities. This letter is to give you notice of that legislation.

We understand that LaSalie Holdings Ltd. is already lamiliar with the proposed legislative amendments as there have been it discussions regarding development and that LaSaile Holdings, Ltd. supports such amendments

We are happy to discuss any questions you might have.

Yery anily yours:

Andrew & Barrett



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The Honorable Bert Cobb Hays County Judge 11) E. San Antonio Street, Suite 306 San Marcos, Texas 78666

RF: LaSalle Municipal Utility Districts Nos. 1-5 proposed legislation

Dear Judge Cobb:

This letter is to provide you notice, on behalf of the Hays County Commissioners Court, of proposed legislation that relates to, among other matters. LaSaile Municipal Utiaty Districts Nos. 1-5 and its proposed powers, rights, daties, and obligations, and possible reconfiguration of the districts. I have enclosed a copy of the proposed legislation for your reference. Notice of the proposed legislation was published in the San Marcox Daily Record on or about February 28, 2017.

The County may file its written consent or opposition to the proposed bill. By copy of this letter, all Commissioners on the Court will be notified. I am happy to discuss this matter with you in further detail at your convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 532-600-3800.

Very inply yours,

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